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The Best Thing a Nation Ever Did.

By H. R. Mengert.

These words may be a bit extravagant when applied to War Savings Stamps, but if we were to omit from consideration the guarantee of life and liberty in the constitution we might make the statement absolute in every way without thought of qualification.

Even including the declarations of the bill of rights, we may say War Savings Stamps the best, since the political philosophers tell us that constitutions only as set or declare natural rights and do not create them. "We hold these truths to be self-evident," said the philosophical genius of the Revolution, "that men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights: that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In no captious sense War Savings Stamps have come to complete the prophetic words. Our life, our nation's life, liberty's life depends on them. Life, the means whereby we live, depend upon them. While the menace of autocracy hangs like a pall over the world doubly precious is liberty. If men can die smilingly for it; if men can laugh through deadly poisonous fumes, through liquid fire, through hunger and pain and hardship that our liberty may be saved, surely too much cannot be given.

Yes, and there is a pursuit of happiness in sticking stamps on a folder. We have seen more genuine satisfaction among all ages, all divisions of society than can be found anywhere else.

It is not an extravagant notion that War Savings Stamps make a new America. The transformation in a few months has been marvelous. May the nation never abandon the wonderful opportunity that it has afforded our people. We do not mean to dep-

recate the strides in social legislation nor in improvement of educational facilities, and yet we actually doubt whether the net value of all these together will exceed the reforming power of the stroke of the pen whereby the stamps were brought into existence.

As they adhere physically to the card, so they literally, if only spiritually, bind men, women and children together in their republic, the people's own affair. Patriotism, service, thrift, competence, good business, safety, availability to all, a national partnership—what offers so much?

Injustice Rectified.

The Common Pleas court in Franklin county has ordered Dr. William H. White re-instated as chief medical examiner of the State Industrial Commission. The Democratic state administration, wanting Dr. White's place for a good Democrat, preferred charges against him. Although these charges were not sustained, Dr. White was removed anyway. The Common Pleas court held that the Civil Service Commission erred in refusing to permit Dr. White to introduce evidence tending to show that his removal was sought on political grounds.

Had there been no appeal to the courts, Dr. White would have been dismissed illegally and with a stigma on his professional standing. Had there been no appeal to the courts, he would have been unable to show that the whole thing was a political scheme. As it is he had to make a costly legal fight to preserve his professional reputation from unjust charges. Yet the Cox administration would have us believe that there is no politics during the war—Ohio Republican.

Measles Leads in May.

Ohio's most prevalent communicable diseases in May were, according to the State Department of Health: Measles with 2,596 cases, German measles 1,525, whooping cough 1,271, smallpox 1,161, mumps 939, scarlet fever 647, chickenpox 623, tuberculosis 596. Other diseases had fewer than 500 reported cases each.

The May smallpox prevalence was only slightly under the April total of 1,200 cases, and it is considered probable that delayed reports will make the total equal to that for April.

German measles, mumps and scarlet fever showed lower case totals for May than for April. The May totals for measles, whooping cough, chickenpox and tuberculosis were higher than in April.

An important requirement in weed control is to keep on the alert for new weeds which may be introduced and for native weeds which are developing pestiferous tendencies.

If you enjoy love and laughter, quaint humor and true faith, read PRUDENCE SAYS SO

What Kansas Did.

One of the war necessities this year has been for able-bodied town men to volunteer for farm work in their counties or communities during the harvests or other periods when emergency supplies of farm help are needed. For months the United States Department of Agriculture has been urging this program in every part of the United States.

This plan was put into effect in every town and city in Kansas, in order that sufficient harvest hands might be secured for the war-winning wheat crop. It was suggested that the town men, being unaccustomed to hard physical work, would not be of real assistance in the harvest until they had been on the farm long enough to "get the kinks out of their muscles." "That's a good point," somebody at the Kansas City Athletic Club said. "Let's start a training class movement, and get the kinks out of every town volunteer's muscles before he gets to the farm. Then he can go right to work—bing!—as soon as he lands in the field!"

So the Kansas City Athletic Club organized a "Loyal Physical Fitness Class," for the purpose of hardening city men for work in the harvest fields. Under the direction of professional instructors this early morning outdoor class was attended regularly by many business and professional men of the city for some weeks prior to the wheat harvest. Flabby muscles became firm. Fat was sweated away. Office men got themselves fit. This physical-training plan was taken up by many towns and cities of Kansas. Not only were town men asked to volunteer for work in the harvest fields; they were expected, after volunteering, to fit themselves for effective work by faithfully training in one of the physical classes.

Various organizations of business and professional men in Kansas entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of the farm-volunteer movement and conducted, among their memberships, vigorous and successful campaigns for farm workers. For instance, the Kansas City Bar Association sent to each member a folder urging him to "Join the Loyal Physical Fitness Class at the Kansas City Athletic Club from now to harvest time so you will become physically fit. No initiation fees. No dues. Just to win the war."

Submitting an estimate of the crop to be harvested, the folder asked: "If this were in Germany would a bushel be lost? Men can save this wheat here. Are you a man? All loyal city people are asked to help in the fields. It is time for you to get in condition. Remove that bustle from your front, so you can harvest wheat."

And they did get into condition and harvest the wheat! The business and professional men, town residents generally, did it all over Kansas.

By the way! Other crops are to be harvested. The Kansas City "Loyal Physical Fitness Club" gets results. Why not start one in every town? Why not start one in your town? In fact, why don't you start it? All you need is a lot of "pep" and a big back

yard or vacant lot and a leader who knows the "setting up" or other physical exercises.

Be ready to do effective farm work when the call comes for patriotic workers from your town.

Here are some figures about what can be expected of a backyard flock. Each hen in her pullet year should produce 10 dozen eggs. The average size of the backyard flock should be at least 10 hens. Thus each flock would produce in a year 100 dozen of eggs which, at the conservative value of 25 cents a dozen, would be worth \$25. But the 100 dozen is more important than the \$25.

Drainage water or the run-off during heavy rains probably furnishes one of the most important means for the dissemination of plant diseases and has been found in many places to explain the presence of a disease in fields where cabbage or other crucifers have never before been grown.

The needs and habits of sheep differ widely from those of horses, cattle and swine, but present no problems that will not be met by interested study and observation supported by satisfactory returns. The boys in sheep clubs have mastered the principles of sheep raising is ample proof of this statement.

Government Salaries for Stenographers.

Washington, D. C., June 24.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces that thru some misunderstanding an impression seems to prevail that the government has raised the usual entrance salary for stenographers and typists in the departments at Washington, D. C., to \$1,400 a year. The Commission states that there has been no change in initial salaries for positions of this kind; the usual salaries at the beginning range from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year, appointments at \$1,200 being in the minority. The War department makes all appointments to such positions at not less than \$1,100 a year, and agrees to promote to \$1,200 a year after three months' satisfactory service. Appointment at salaries higher than \$1,200 a year are rare, and the appointees must possess exceptional qualifications.

There is still great need for stenographers and typists in the government offices at Washington. Those who have had considerable office experience are most desired. The Civil Service Commission urges qualified persons to offer their services to the government. Full information may be obtained from the representative of the Civil Service Commission at the postoffice in any city.

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While county attorney at Hugo, Warren drove over into Texas in his automobile and brought back a quantity of liquor for himself and some fellow members of a club.

Warren was arrested and recently was sentenced to a year and a half in the Federal prison for violating the Federal Reed bone-dry law.

And just the other day Senators Owen, of Oklahoma, and Sheppard, of Texas, dry leaders in Congress, called upon President Wilson, accompanied by the entire Oklahoma House delegation, appealing for a pardon for Warren.

What happened to Warren may happen to any citizen of Ohio should this state adopt the Anti-Saloon League state-wide prohibition amendment.

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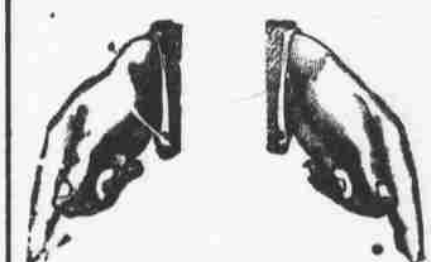
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